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FOLLOWING CP ARTICLE APPEARING IN OTTAWA JOURNAL FEB 14 REPORTS
CANADIAN DEFENCE MINISTER RICHARDSON'S REQUEST MADE PUBLIC IN
WINNIPEG FEB 13 FOR MEETING WITH LOCKHEED EXECUTIVES CONCERNING
LRPA CONTRACT: BEGIN QUOTE. THE PURCHASE OF 18 ORION
LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT FROM LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION
IS BEING REVIEWED, DEFENCE MINISTER JAMES RICHARDSON SAID
FRIDAY. "LOCKHEED'S FINANCIAL STRENGTH AND BUSINESS REPUTA-
TION HAS BEEN WEAKENED BY RECENT EVENTS,- MR. RICHARDSON
SAID. WE HAVE TO REVIEW THE SITUATION BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH
THE CONTRACT NOW UNDER NEGOTIATION". HE SAID THE FEDERAL CABINET
GAVE ITS APPROVAL IN NOVEMBER TO NEGOTIATE A DEAL WITH LOCKHEED
TO REPLACE THE ARGUS LONG-RANGE PATROL AIRCRAFT. MR. ROCHARDSON
HAS ASKED FOR A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH EXECUTIVES OF
LOCKHEED CONCERNING CANADA'S MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR DEAL.
END QUOTE.
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